

WEDNESDAY EVENING. APRIL 2, 1909.

THE STATE CONVENTION on Saturday re-arranged its rules, so that it may rescind any section of the constitution that it has adopted, and also may insert new clauses if it sees fit. This being the case it is hoped that the convention will, without delay, rescind its action concerning the election of State Senators, and continue in force the safe, conservative and old time Virginia system of "holdover" Senators. Experience has proven that this system, which has prevailed since the foundation of the State, has often saved the Commonwealth from dire injury when passing public clamor made unreasonable demands upon a new legislature. Then it was that the Senate with never less than one-half old members, acted as a balance wheel and prevented persicious legislation. Why members of the convention who had served in the legislature and knew all these facts should have voted to elect Senators every two years, is passing strange, and especially is this so of those who for months advocated quadrennial sessions of the legislature. Another clause in the proposed new constitution which never should have been placed there and which should be immediately expunged, is that relating to the board of commissioners. Under this clause more power, tyranny and corruption is poseible than can be readily comprehended by those unfamiliar with politics and office holding. A combination between a governor and the railroad commissioners under the proposed new law could place the State at the mercy of such combination, and a combination against the railroads could almost break them up and materially interfere with if not prevent the starting in the State of any new enterprises.

THE STATE legislature has adjourned and the people breathe freer, for though no very radical measures were proposed or enacted at this session, so far as known at this writing, yet no one knew at what moment such might have occurred and when adjournment came, the agony on this score of course was over. Nor is it known that any scandal attaches to the session just closed, or if it does it fades into insignificance compared to that of some of the previous sessions when it was openly charged that many of the members were looking after their own interests rather than those of the State and that money was corruptly used in the passage or defeat of many measures. Yes, let all be thankful that the legislature has adjourned and regret

who now stands a felop, comes from Onio. He had been a Hanna man in the fight Hanna made for election to the Senate and before. He was prominent in the politics of the State, and had held office under several administrations, just as Ohlo men like to do. Senator Hanna's efforts in behalf of Rathbone, it is said, are due to the friendship existing between the two Rathbone was guilty of nothing more than a lavish expanditure of public funds, believing that he was acting in accordance with strict honesty. Well, if this is Mr. Hanna's idea of honesty, and should he ever become president there would be little left of this country after his friends got through looting it.

THE LEGISLATURE has adjourned. What is the matter with the constitutional convention?

WINTER still lingers in the lap of spring.

FROM WASHINGTON.

endence of the Alexandria Gasette

Washingtong, D. C., April 2. The President today nominated the following: To be major general in the army, to fill the vacancy created by Gen. R. P. Hughes; to be brigadier generals, Col. M. V. Sheridan, of the Adjutant General's Department, Col. Isaac D. De Russy, of the 11th In-fantry, Col. Andrew S. Burt of the 25th

Infantry.

The House Committee on Territories has reported the omnibus bill, granting Statehood to the territories of Oxlagenerally believed that Arizona and New Mexico will be democratic and that Oklahoma is more likely to go demo-cratic than republican. The admission of these territories at this time would probably mean the addition of four and cossibly six democratic Senators to the denate and from six to nine democratic

votes to the next Electoral College.
Forty more clerks of the census offic were discharged yesterday and the force will probably be reduced by sev-eral dozen every day this week. In the meantime, according to clerks who have been discharged, the entire force of the census office is being worked until 5 o'clock each evening, and for this extra work of one hour per day there

is no corresponding increase in salary.

Representative Patterson introduced today providing that "from and after the passage of this act there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the Philippine archipelago, or in any province or dependency now

held by the United States government held by the United States government or which hereafter may be acquired." Section 2. disapproves, disaffirms, and declares void and of no effect the agreement on the subject of slavery entered into between Brigadier General John C. Bates and the Sultan of Sulu and his datos. The purchase, sale, or gift of slaves in the archipelago is for-bidden, likewise importation of the

The President will nominate Col. Michael V. Sheridan, of the adjutant general's department of the army, to be Brigadier General in the line. Col. be Brigadier General in the line. Col Sheridan is a brother of the late Gen Sheridan is a brother of the late Geo.
Phil Sheridan and is now the senior
colonel of the adjutant general's department. He was born in and appointed from Ohio.
Theodore Roosevelt, jr., the President's eldest son has completely recovered from the effect of his attack of

A larger number of visitors thronged through the White House today than apon any day since President Roosevelt took the reins of office.

Senator McCumber from the com-

mittee on manufactures, today made a favorable report on a bill to prevent adulteration, mlebranding, and imitation of foods, beverages, confection-eries, drugs and condiments, in the District of Columbia and the territories and for regulating interstate traffic

Max Cohen, editor of the National Insurance Journal, was heard today by the House committee on interestate and

the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, in support of a proposition to incorporate a bureau of insurance in the proposed new department of commerce and labor.

James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, today appeared before the House committee on naval affairs in the interest of the movement to have the governof the movement to have the government construct its own warships in the several navy yards. The ma-chinists of the country, declared Mr. O'Connell, favored the government building of warships from patriotic motives. He declared that if the work, however, shall be done under the piece however, shall be done under the piece work system, as suggested to the committee by Admiral Bowles, it would prove unsatisfactory both to the labor employed and to the government. Piece work he said, makes a working man dishonest as the workingman learns to slight such parts of his work as the government inspector is apt to overlook. The cost of building yesoverlook. The cost of building yes-sels and repairing them in the navy yards, employing day labor, he said, would be a saving to the government. R. S. Wilson, foreman machinist of the Norfolk navy yard, was of the opinion that the work of building warships could be successfully accomplished at An agreement was reached by the any navy yard and emphasized a state-

made the workingmen more contented and honest in their work.

Ernest Darrow and Joseph Martin of Chicago, personal friends of the late John P. Altgeld, ex-governor of Illinois, are in the city, circulating among prominent democrate in an effort to raise a fund large enough to keep Mr. Altgeld's widow from want. Gover or Altgeld died penniless.

The public debt statement issued yesterday by the Treasury Department shows that

The public debt statement issued yester-day by the Treasury Department shows that the debt on March 31 steed: Interest-bearing debt, \$931,070,700; debt on which interest has ceased, \$1,314,120; bearing no interest, \$393,203,801, a total of \$1,325,588 621. The reserve fund is \$150,000,000, and the available cash balance in the Treasury \$177,856,289.

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The contested election case of Wilson, republican, vs. Lassiter, democrat, from the Fourth Virginia district, was forther discussed before elections committee No. 3 yesterday. Brief speeches were made on both sides, but without further progress toward a conclusion the committee adjourned. The sub-committee in the case will probably make a report some time during the coming week.

In the House Mr. Rixey has introduced a oill for the relief of Mrs. Sallie Ball, also a bill granting an increase of pension to Alfred

Representative Adams, from the con that the sessions are not quadrennial instead of blennial.

IT APPEARS that Rathbone's friend at court is Secator Hanna. Rathbone, Argentine Republic.

Representative Asian, from the committee on foreign affairs today reported to the House of foreign affairs t

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., April 2. SENATE.

The Senate this morning took up the calendar immediately after the con clusion of the routine business.

Private claim and pension bills were passed, the latter numbering 62.

The oleomargarine bill was then laid before the Senate and Mr. Baitey conmen and the Ohio Senator's belief that | tiqued his remarks in opposition to the measure begnn yesterday. HOUSE.

The House today in committee of the whole resumed consideration of the andry civil appropriation bill.

The committee concluded the con-

sideration of the sundry civil appro-priation bill shortly after 3 o'clock The bill was favorably reported to the House, and passed without opposition. The House then in committee of the whole proceeded to consider the bill

reorganizing the revenue cutter ser-

THE DANISH WEST INDIAN SCAN DAL .- The Senate will not act on the charges which have been made conceroing the purchase of the Danish West Indies. The question of an investigation was discussed in executive session yesterday after Senator Bacon had introduced a resolution asking the President to defer action under the treaty until the charges could be thoroughly investigated. The foreign relations members were opposed to the proposition. Senator Nelson said that did not consider that the charge, originating, as it had originated, with persons who were unknown to the Senate, worthy of that body's serious consideration. In his opinion to take any such step as was contemplated by the resolution under the circumstances would be an insult to the government of Denmark. He did not for a moment believe that the Danish administration had made any contract to pay any commission for the sale of the that any money had been paid officials connection, in the negotiation with the United States. Senator Hanna denied all knowledge of Mr. Christmas or his mission, and expressed his opinion that the transaction, so far as the United

concluded not to press the matter. In a head on collision of freight trains on the Cleveland, Loraine and Wheeling railroad at Strasburg. Ohie, about five o'clock this morning, two men were killed, one fatally hurt and \$4.000 worth of property destroy-ed. The wreck was probably due to a mis-understanding of orders.

States government was concerned, had been perfectly clean. Mr. Bacon finally

Mayor Low, of New York, | issued a public statment today in which he predicts the speedy overthrow of the police blackmail. NEWS OF THE DAY.

The plague has reappeared at Rio Janeiro, and also in Pernambuco.

The Maryland annual conference of The new parlisment buildings at

Berne, Switzerland, costing 8,000,000 france, were opened yesterday with imposing ceremonies. A Rome newspaper asserts that King Edward abandoned his proposed visit to the Riviera because of the discovery of an anarchist plot against his life.

Republicans yesterday elected a ma jority of the Chicago City Council, but Alderman "Bathhouse" John Coughlin,

democrat, won after a sharp contest. The Maryland House of Delegates failed to pass the bill providing for the State tax and it is thought an extra ession of the legislature will be called.

The agreement between Russia and China as to Manchuria permits China to maintain whatever force she thinks necessary in Manchuria after the

Hon. Joseph Smith Fowler, former member of the U.S. Senate from Tennessee, died last night in the George town Hospital, aged 82 years. For some time Mr. Fowler had lived with friends in Georgetown.

Philip Mitchell and his five children were burned to death last night in their home in Prosser Hollow, Pa., a seclud-ed settlement about three miles from Johnstown. Mrs. Mitchell was carried to a neighbor's house very seriously wounded.

The District of Columbia persons tax bill, approximately in the form in which it will eventually become a law, was yesterday presented in the Senste. It provides a general rate of taxation of \$15 on every thousand dollars. Individual property not offered for sale up to \$200 in value is exempt.

William H. Lane, the colored butler who yesterday shot and killed his em-ployer, Mrs. Ella J. Furbush, and her 12 year-old daughter, Madeline, and mortally wounded another daughter, Eloise, aged seven years, in their home in Philadelphia, and then robbed the house, was arrested yesterday at Cam-den, N. J., and made a full confession

A conference has been arranged of President Steyn, General Delarey and acting President Schalkburger in connection with the peace movement. The British are again trying to get General De Wet's forces in a net. Several of the Boer commandants are reported to have called meetings of the burghers in their respective districts to discuss peace proposals.

ment that government employment the pending oleomargine bill should be and bonest in their work. ment in opposition to the bill, but had not concluded when the Senate adjourned. The House made rapid progtion bill, completing 93 of the 139 pages of the bill.

So much opposition has developed in the House to the ship subsidy bill passed by the Senate, especially among western Representatives, that it is now thought to be impossible to get the bill up for consideration during the present session. General Grosvenor, who is in-terested in the passage of this bill, made the significant remark yesterday that all he hoped for this session was a report from the committee.

After mass-meetings of the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron Com-pany's miners were held at Punxeutaw ney and Sykesville yesterday the threatened strike was formally declared. It involves 10,000 miners, and will have the effect of curtailing the employment of nearly as many more railroad men employed by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pitteburg Esilroad Company, whose freight traffic will be nearly paralyzed in consequence of the strike

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The engagement is announced of Miss erryvni Arcy Potter, of Baltimore. The wedding is to take place April 30.

The famous "Extra Billie" Rogers tract of land in the upper end of Fau-quier county, containing 500 acres, has been sold to a Mr. Adams, of New York, for \$5,000.

James Jones, 82 years of age, an esteemed citizen of the Wilderness neighborhood, in Sportsylvania county, died yesterday. He leaves three sons and three daughters.

At an early hour yesterday morning the small town of Newport, Giles county, was practically destroyed by fire.
Every store in the place was burned.
Two hotsls and the best residences
were leveled to the ground. Loss,

\$100,000. The Fredericksburg Free Lance has issued invitations to a complimentary entertainment to be given in the opera house in Fredericksburg on the evening of April 10. Professor S. T. Ford, the famous story-teller and humorist, will give a number of impersonations and dialect stories for the amusement of the

guests of the evening.

The following pensions have been granted to persons living in Virginia: -Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.,-Henry Murpny, Tazewell, \$8; Samuel Stout, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$12; Isaac P. Force, Alexandria. \$8. Special, act March 21—James Willard, Lovettsville, \$30; Racdy Ann

Bradshaw, Loyingston, \$20. Charged with assaulting sixteen-year-old Pearl Perry and with a mob clamoring for his life in North Carolina, Thomas Early eluded a posse early Monday night and escaped to Virginia, where he was captured yesterday moreing near Cypress Chapel. Early was smuggled out of Suffolk jail last night for fear of lynching and was taken to the jail at Portsmouth.

The Good Roads Convention met this evening in Charlotteeville. General Fitzbugh Lee called the body to or-der. Senator Thomas S. Martin will address the convention this evening, General Miles, Admiral Schiey, Senator Daniel and Governor Montague on Thursday, and Senator Hanna on Friday. A special train over the Southern Railway from Washington on Thursday Railway from Washington on Thursday will bring 60 odd Senators and 100 Representatives, who will be entertained at Monticello by Mr. Jefferson M. Levy. Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central Railway, will arrive in his special car this evening, as will President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway.

Alfred Childs, 34 years old, shot and killed Patrick J. Maloney, 65 years old, in New York this afternoon. Childs claims that Maloney, with six others, stacked him this morning and best him. When he met Maloney this afternoon he shot in retalistion. He was locked up.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature, which adjourns tonight, transacted considerable business yesterday in the way of local bills. The the Methodist Protestant Church meets attendance was very small. Both today in Centreville.

Mr. Anderson introduced the bill in-Mr. Anderson introduced the bill in-corporating the Tuckshoe Country Club, composed of over three hundred gentlemen of Richmond, who propose to establish a club at Westhampton Park. The bill was passed, and at once sent to the House for action.

The Senate agreed to the report of a

The Sanate agreed to the report of a committee of conference on the bill making the malicious killing of horses and cattle a felony. The House also agreed to the conference report.

The bill incorporating the Powhatan Development Company, was received from the House, with amendments. The company proposes to establish a plant for the generation of electricity, and supplying it for all purposes for which supplying it for all purposes for which electricity is now used or may be used in future; to supply towns or cities with water, to build railroads, and to operate a street railway in Newport News. The bill was read and then recommitted to the committee on general laws.

HOUSE.

Bills for the Westmoreland Club of Richmond and for the Tuckaboe Coun-

try Club were passed.
Mr. Cumming offered amendments to the charter of the Powhatan Development Company. Mr. Wallace had Richmond excepted from the bill and

was passed.
The names of the joint commission to have charge of the expenditure of \$100,000 for improvements to the old Capitol were announced yesterday. These are: From the Senate, Messrs. Glass, of are: From the Senate, Mesers. Class, of Lynchburg, and Wickham, of Hanover, from the House, Mesers. Fowlkes, of Richmond; Jennings, of Lynchburg, and Bowman, of Roanoke. This com-mission will have charge of the im-provements to the building.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

In the constitutional convention yesterday morning Senator Daniel closed his speech in favor of the suffrage plan ence. The Senator made an eloquent defense of the adoption of the temporary understanding clause. He pointed usual measures for continuing white supremacy in governmental affairs. The Senator was followed by Messrs Tnom, Gillepsie and others in opposition to the democratic suffrage plan as agreed upon by the conference.

The only vote reached at the mornng session was an amendment, by Mr Flood, to strike out three years' prepayment of poll tax and substitute one year; it was overwhelmingly defeated.
When the understanding clause was
reached Mr. Thom made an ooslaught
upon it, urging that it was a plan to

At the afternoon session the con-ested portion of the suffrage clause relating to an understanding clause was adopted by a vote of 44 to 21 after slight amenement. The adoption of the constitution will go rapidly forward until it comes up for adoption as a whole, when there will be; a final

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The one hundred and eighteenth annual session of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was begun Tuesday of last week, in Baltimore, concluded yesterday at noon with the announcement by Bishop Galloway of the apuing year. A number of important

changes were made in the list. The new presiding elders appointed are as follows: Baltimore district, W. formerly presiding elder of the Rockingham district; Moorefield district, J.

Williams of Keyser, W. Va. The appointments for the Washingon district follow: Washington district, Washington

Washington district, Washington city, J. W. Duffey, presiding elder; Mount Vernon Place, F. J. Prettymau; Epworth, W. S. Hammond; Marvin, W.L. Dolly; West Washington, F. L. Day; Dei Bay, supplied by Homer Welch; Alexandria, J. P. Stump; in place E. V. Regester assigned to Tripity Church, Baltimora: Fradar. Stump; in place E. V. Regester assigned to Trinity Church, Baittimore; Fredericksburg, G. T. Tyler; Falls Church, W. H. Woolf; Leseburg, S. G. Fezerson; Loudoun, J. L. Kibler, L. H. Kincaid; Middleburg, J. H. Kubiman; Hillsboro', Wm. M. Waters; Hamilton, C. Sydenstricker; Warrenton, W. H. Bailanger; Bethel, J. W. Smith; Marshall, W. P. C. Coe, G. W. Staplee; Fairfax, D. L. Blakemore, S. F. Peak; Sterling, S. R. Dolly, S. K. Oockrell; Occoquan, J. W. Bain; Fauquier, W. T. Grover; Remington, W. H. Marsh; Sudley, J. K. Gilbert; Manassas, W. G. Hammond; K. Gilbert; Manussas, W. G. Hammond; Stafford, C. L. Potter; Morrisville, J.

M. Hawiey. Winchester District. Presiding Elder, H. P. Hamill.

Winchester, Charles D. Bulla. Frederick, N. N. Hall. Stephens City, H. A. Brown, Middletown, A. M. Cackley. Strasburg, R. M. Wheeler. Woodstock, J. H. Wells,

H. Haley. Edinburg, J. L. Henderson. Front Royal and Riverton, W.

Warren, L. For. Linden, L. Butt. Page, H. A. Wilson. White Post, D. L. Reed and C. F. McClintic. Berryville, W. Melville.

Brucetown, D. F. Euteler and one to be supplied by C. Mattox. A RRAVE GIRL -Mr. Timothy Clay carrie the mail on a star route starting from Midlothian, Chesterfield county, using a buggy, lothian, Chesterfield county, using a buggy, On Monday his daughter, Miss Myrtle Clay, aged 22, underteck to carry the mail for her father, who was very busy on the farm. When in a lonely spots a white man sprang from the bushes and grabbed the bridle, stopping the horse. The young lady reached for her father's shotgun, which he always carried in the buggy, and aimed it at the man. Seeing the girl's determined eye he fied. She waited until he was a short distance away and then accelerated his speed with a load of and then accelerated his speed with a load of shot. She delivered the mail at three coun-try offices after the episode, and reported the incident only when she reached home.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure Whooping Cough and Measle Cough without fail. Best for Bronchitis, Hosrseness, Grippe Pneumenis, Consumption and Lung Affections. Gives quick, sure results. Price 25c Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign New London, April 2 .- Lord Kitchener today reports a severe engagement near Coschmanakop. His dispatch reads: "Yesterday a detachment of dragoon guards surprised a Boer lasger, but the Boers were reinforced and compelled the dragoons to retire on the main british column who adversaria. ish column who advanced, forcing the Boers to retreat northwest. It is reported that the Bore casualties were
severe. Our casualties have not yet
been received."

London, April 2.—The Prince and
Princess of Wales started for Copen-

Princess of Wales started for Copen-nagen today to assist in the celebration of the birthday of King Christian of Denmark, the Princess' grandfather. St Petersburg, April 2.—A mutiny because of alleged brutalities occured in the prison at Vladikavksz cis-Cau-csia, today. Troops were called out and suppressed the turbulent prisoners. Many persons were wonded Many persons were wounded.

Vienna, April 2 .- It is asserted her that the Albanian malcontents have invited General Pickictic Garibaldi, a relative of the famous Italian patrict to organize and lead a rebellion agains Turkish rule. Garibaldi, it is said, has assented on condition that enough men and money are provided. In assenting he declared that war against the Turks was a holy one.
Rome, April 2.—There is a party in

Rome, April 2.—There is a party in Rome who are vigorously upholding the Right Rev. Robinson, Vicar General of Denver, for appointment to the bishopric of Cheyenne, Wyoming. This party includes Robinson's own bishop, who seems to wish to replace the Vicar General with a German prejective. ate. The authories here are oppo to the nomination of Robinson, on ground that he is not fit for the post-

lutionists who on Monday captured the town of Barahona and were later dis lodged by troops from a government gunboat, have entrenched themselves in a stronghold near the town. Friends of some of the leaders are interceding with the government for clemency.

Victoria, B. C., April 2 — From Hanoi is reported the loss of the Coinese steamer Kemangfat, on March 15th. Two hundred and fifty lives were lost. agreed upon by the democratic confer- A theatre, constructed of bambo, in ence. The Senator made an eloquent the village of Lun-Tu district, of Pinu, was set afire during a performance. In the panic four hundred Chinese, mostto the case of the city of Washington, ly women, and children, were either where the federal government has abburned or crushed to death. A Hong where the federal government has absolute control of municipal affairs, as a notable precedent for resorting to unusual measures for continuing white supremacy in governmental affairs. If ywomen, and chitered, we extend to death. A Hong Kong dispatch says the Rajah of Patani has been kidnapped by Slamese because he refused to sign a treaty absurpremacy in governmental affairs. out at Canton, raging severely among the Chinese. Three Europeans have succumbed.

succumbed.

Romo, April 2.—At the American embassy here the statement printed in the United States that Ambassador Meyer had resigned and would be succeeded by Henry White, at present secretary of the United States embassy in London, is pronounced to be premature.

Windsor, Eng., April 2.—Wax Toy, with Windsor, Eng., April 2.—Wax Toy, with Skeets Martin up, won the Bonney handiap of 102 sovereigns here today. Martin also piloted a winner in the race for the Bracknell Auction Plate of 200 sovereigns.
Berlin, April 2.—A succession of sectionis occurred at the horse race at Carsihorst, a suburb of Berlin, today. Jocksy Jerabek tumbled with nis horse and both were instantly killed. Count Koenigsmarck, a weil known horseman, also tumbled and broke his shoulder, white Licutenant Suermondt was likewise slightly hurt by falling.

Paris, April 2.—The Nice correspondent

Paris, April 2—The Nics correspondent of the Patric wires that Louis, the son of the the Prince of Monaco, is plotting to dethrone his father. The highest functionaries of state, the correspondent says supports Louis

The Furbish Tragedy.

Philadelphia, April 2.-William H Lane, the negro murderer, passed a restless night in his cell closely guarded. Lane's third victim, little Eiois Furbush, is in a critical condition. The bullet has not been extracted and it is thought to lie in such a dangerous place that it is deemed unwise to at-The new presiding elders appointed are as follows: Baltimore district, W. fourth victim was to have been H.D. Harper, pastor at Roanoke; Rockingham, David Bush, formerly presiding elder of the Roanoke district; Roanoke district, J. E. Armstrong, Shortly before she heard the shotter of the Rock. Agnes said Lane had come into the kitchen and asked her to go down to the cellar. She refused, thinking that Lane meant to play some April fool trick on her. Lane then went up stairs and the shooting followed. Lane was committed to prision today, to await the action of the coroner. The hearing was attended by big crowds who murmured angrily against the prisoner.

Strike On. Altoona, Pa., April 2,-The strike in the Buffalo, Rochester & Pitisburg bituminous coal field went into effect this moraing. The thousands of men employed by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pitteburg company refused to work and the district is tied up completely. The only men who are working are the pumpers and trackmen and these too, will be ordered out unless Manager Robinson makes concessions. miners are determined and will resis any ettempt made to fill their places with other labor. The eltuation, while serious, is quiet with no signs of any

Despondency Led to Crime. Despondency Led to Crime.

Barkhamsted, Conn., April 2.—The condition of Miss Elsie Bichards, who shot herself yesterday after shooting her mother, is critical today. Mrs. Bichards's condition this morning is favorable though the bullet his not yet been extracted. Investigation revealed the fact that the money which supported mother and daughter was all good. The daughter's lilness prevented her from supporting her mother, and fearing that the elder woman might be left without a pretector, she attempted to kill her. It now seems probable that the daughter's fears will be realized, as the dectors give little hope for her recovery, while the mother's life will doubtless be saved.

THE APPORTIONMENT BILL. Intense interest is being manifested over the rumored veto by the Governor of the Congressional reapportionment

The opposition to the proposed changes is especially strong in the Sixth district. Congressman Otey is bring-ing to bear all the powerful influence he can control to prevent the changing of the lines of his district, and Sen stor Daniel and Mr. Glass are ably sup porting him. Maj. Daniel spect a long time with the governor lest night die time with the governor last night discussing the matter. Hertrougly urged
the governor not to approve the bill.

The Governor has given no intimation of
what his action will be. Some of the lawyers
in the legislature declare the Governor has no
power in the matter, Congress having vested
it in the legislature, and if the Governor
vetoes it the question will be taken into the
courts. Such a procedure would bring about
confusion in the coming elections, and these
men say the Governor cannot afford to take
an action that will create such a political
tangle.

The Market. Georgetewn, April 2 .- Wheat 75a80. TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

About 700 employees of the building trades in the district between Greenwich and New Rochelle, Conn., are on strike today, owning to refusal of the trades council to agree that no union man should work upon a job except the contractor.

A barquet was given at Cleveland, O., last night by prominent citizens to the Congressional committee on buildings and grounds. At this meeting the Presidential boom of M. A. Hanna was given another push. There was greathers for Hanna and loud applause. Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs and Mrs.

Mary F. Garrett, widow of the late Robert Garrett millionaire and former President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, were married at Grace P. E. Church, Baltimore, this morning by Rev. Arthur Chilton Powell, and started immediately for Newport R. I., where they will spend their honey-moon at Mrs. Jacots's cottage. Dr. Jacobs is 45 and the bride is 47. Dr. Jacobs at:ended Robert Garrett on his trip around the world and up to the

Bob Fitzimmons has announced his acceptance of the Charleston, S. C., offer of \$26,000 or 75 per cent of the gross receipts, He will not fight before the Los Angeles Club Director of Posts Rathbone who was reently convicted at Havana of postal fraud

sand centenced to ten years, has, peading his sppeal, been released on \$100,000 bail.

Samuell Powell, jr., a member of the various clubs at Newport, E. I., is dead from excessive eigerette smoking. He constantly smoked a hundred cigarettes daily.

Shoets, who murdered August Glossner, an aged stonemsson, at Berlin, Pa., nearly three years ago, was executed at Somerset, Pa., this J. Pierpont Morgan sailed from New York

n the Oceanic for Europe today NEGRO LYNCHED.

Walter Allen, a negro, charged with riminally assaulting Miss Blossom Adamson, a fifteen-year-old girl, in Rome, Ga., Monday afternoon, was taken from the jail last night by 4,000 people, who battered the prision doors down, and hanged to an electric light oole in the principal portion of the city. A volley was fired afterward and fully a thousand bullet; entered the negro. Miss Adamson was on her way to a dressmaker's late Monday afternoon, when she was met by Allen, who told her that a dressmaker at a designated residence was woiting to see her nated residence was weiting to see her. The young girl went to the house mentioned by the negro, who followed her into the house, which Miss Adamson found was vacant. A lady on a nearby porch, attracted by the noise of the struggle, succeeded in frightening Allen away, and he escaped. Late yesterday, afternoon, he was centured and day afternoon be was captured and taken to Rome and placed in jail. As soon as the news of his capture was marched to the jail, demanding the negro. The sheriff refused to deliver the keys and pleaded that the law should be allowed to take its course. Upon the sheriff's refusal of the keys the jail door was forced open with sledge hammers and the steel cage of Ailen's cell broken in. The negro was carried a square and a half away and allowed to make a statement. declared that he was innocent and prayed that the guilty party, would be found. All men who took part in the hanging were unmasked. Miss Adam son belongs to one of the most promi-nent families in Rome.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The session of the General Assembly which has practically ended, was in no sense specially remarkable, unless the liberality displayed in making appropriations be excepted. It is estimated that the amount appropriated this session is about \$700,000 in excess of the amount appropriated at the last.

The features of the session are:
The appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 for the support of the old soldiers and their widows. \$300,000

The sum of \$180,000 for the erection of a new cell building at the peniten-The sum of \$100,000 for the improve-

ment of the Capitol. Large increases in the appropria-The sum of \$7,500 for the improve-

nent of the Governor's Mansion.

The bill redistricting the State for the election of members of the House f Representatives.

Bills reapportioning the Senatorial

and House districts of the State.

Bill repealing the Wherton law, which nominally prevented insurance companies combining to keep up rates. PRICE OF COAL REDUCED. - Announcement was made yesterday by

the officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway that authracite coal prices have been reduced 50 cents a ton. Tais reduced price will be in force during April only. On May 1, 10 cents a ton will be added and equal increas On May 1, 10 cents es will be made on the first days of June, July, August and September, after which date the old price schedule will again be in force. Retail dealers will announce the reduction in prices

The reduction is ordered by the anthracite association. Similar action was taken April 1, 1901.

PATENTS.-The following patents granted to residents of Virginia Tuesday, April 1, were reported for the Gaz tte by Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys: Trunk, Simon E Steward, Petersburg, assignor to Seward Trunk and Bag Company, Petersburg; ladder iron, Charles A. Truit, Chincotesque Island; self extinguishing non-exploding lamp, Thomas M. Freeman and Thomas M. Henderson, Portsmouth.

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The complexion always sufferers from bilitiousness or constipation. Unless the bowels are kept open the impurities from the body appear in the form of unsightly sruptions. DeWitt's Little Early Eisers keep the liver and bowels in healthy condition and remove the cause of such troubles, C. Z. Hooper, Albany, Ga., says: "I took DeWitt's Little Early Risers for biliousness. They were just what I needed. I am feeling better now than in yoars." Never gipe or distress. Safe, thorough and gentle. The very best pills. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Son.

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French Gowns, of good quality Percale, turn-over collar and cuffs trimmed with feather-stitiohing and hand-embroidered deur-de-lis design. Each...... \$3.00 French Gowns, of fine Ferrale; tacked across front; collar trimmed with raffle; floished with hand embroidered scallop and featherstitching. Each. .\$3.25 French Gowns, of fine Nain-sook; square neck trimmed with fine Valenciennes lace; finished with beading and ribbon. Each... .\$4.25 French Gowns, of fine Naiu-sock; pointed yoke elaborately trimmed with lace insertion; wide ruffle on sleeves. Each..... .\$5.50

French Chemises, of good qual-ity Perceie; round neck and trimmed with featherstitching and scallop. Each..... . \$1.75

\$2,25 French Chemises, of Nainscok; round neck hand-embroidered in pretty designs; trimmed with besiding, lace and ribbon. Fach.... French Chemises, of Nainsook; round neck trimmed with two rows of insertion and edge. Each.,

French Drawers, of fine Per-cale; trimmed with hard-em-broidered ruffle, tucks and feath-erstitching. Pair..... .\$1.75 French Drawers, of fine Nain-sook; trimmed with wide hand-embroidered ruffle and beading.

French Drawers, of fine Nainsook; wide roffle trimmed with lace, French knots, beading and ribbon. Pair..... French Petticoats, of Percale; deep ruffle scalloped with dots. Each \$2,50

French Petticoats, of good quality Percale; deep flounce embroidered in flour-de-lis design. Each..... .84.50 French Petticoats, of fine laws umbrella style; tucked ruffle; trimmed with wide Valencion es lace. Each.....

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New York, April 2 - The stock market opened quiet with trading in small lots. Deal-ings were almost entirely professional. After the first fifteen minutes the trading showed a slight increase and the market more irregularity.

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Dried Apples.
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